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Prodrugs and Trans-Isomers  
Thereof**

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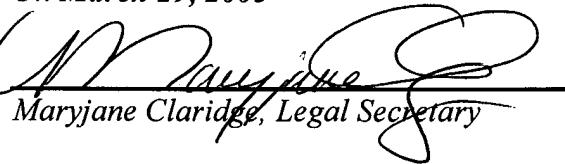
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004 the deadline for response to which has been extended to March 29, 2005 by the filing herewith of a petition for an extension of time.

**Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

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